Commission set up a Committee on Pricing of Irrigation Water under the Chairmanship of Dr. A Vaidyanathan in October 1991 to review the existing water rates. The report of the Committee has been forwarded to the State Government for consideration and further action.

Excess use of water results primarily due to inefficent use of water. The traditional surface irrigation generally achieves only about 40-50% water use efficiency. Modern irrigation techniques, such as drip and sprinkler are reported to be very efficient and useful in water scarce areas. Subsurface irrigation can significantly reduce losses and achieve higher efficiencies. In order to make proper and efficient use of water by bridging the gap between irrigation potential created and utilized, many schemes like National Water Management Project, Command Area Development Project, Water Resources Consolidation Project, Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Project etc. have been taken up.

(b) to (d) Water is utilized for various purposes like Irrigation, Power, Industrial, Domestic, Navigation, Recreation, etc. in Irrigation sector total water demand is assessed on the basis of crop water requirement of individual crops which varies from region to region and State to State. Per Capita excess use for various purposes would very from State to State.

Lift Irrigation Projects in Orrisa

1372. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details and amount received in the form of Bilateral Assistance from Germany for Orissa Lift Irrigation Projects;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government of Orissa is proposing to close down Orissa Lift Irrigation Corporation (OLIC) due to heavy loss; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) The Orissa Lift Irrigation Project is being implemented with the German Assistance of Deutsche Mark 55 Million under Agreement of 19th February, 1991. Upto October 1999 an amount of DM 36.322 Million has been utilised.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Do not arise.

White Paper on Narmada Bachao Andolan

1373. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govenment's attention has been drawn to the uprising building up amongst the people led by Narmada Bachao Andolan demanding a white paper on number of people displaced and expenditure incurred; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) No Sir, no such demand has been made by Narmada Bachao Andolan.

(b) Does not arise.

Permanent Solution for Inter-State Water Disputes

1374. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any mechanism has been worked out to solve the inter-State water disputes without making any ad-hoc arrangements so as to make a permanent solution for such disputes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and